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1. The aircraft factory Avia, near Prague, is producing an imitation of the US Navy dirigible* originally produced by Goodyear. These airships are being made for the topographical services of the USSR and are being equipped with optical and photographic equipment.
2. Transport gliders are being produced at a rate of approximately four to six a month by a factory at Zvolen (Q49/C74), a subsidiary of the Czech aircraft factory at Chocen. These gliders are of a similar type to, but slightly larger than, those built by the same factory during the war for the Germans for use in Crete. The gliders are delivered to Lwow, USSR.
[redacted] on the airfield at Lwow twin-engined [redacted]
[redacted] aircraft with tricycle undercarriages drawing trains of these gliders.
3. The Zvolen factory also produces approximately six to eight fuselages per month for small sport's aircraft. The factory formerly belonged to ascertain [redacted]

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* Comment: It is possible that they are not true dirigibles, but rather observation balloons presumably attached to trucks for the purpose of topographical survey.

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